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OUTER EDGE OF A SEMICONDUCTOR
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The captioned application is a divisional application from prior application 09/768,873 filed January 23, 2001 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Prior to initial examination of the captioned matter, please amend the case as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.